

Trigg and Cristales in Happi Magazine: ‘A Retailer’s Guide to Washington’s Toxic-Free Cosmetics Act of 2023: What You Don’t ‘Know’ Can’t Hurt You’

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Partner [Suzie Trigg](#) and Associate [Kayla Cristales](#) authored an article in *Happi Magazine* discussing Washington state’s new Toxic Free Cosmetics Act and how it is protecting the consumer.

Read an excerpt below:

Washington State’s Toxic Free Cosmetics Act (the “Act”) was signed into law on May 15, 2023. It has since been described by industry stakeholders as the “strictest” and/or “most aggressive” state cosmetic-ingredient ban enacted to-date.¹ While true that the Act appears to prohibit more substances than any of the analogous state laws enacted prior,² it may ultimately have more bark than bite (compared to its analogous predecessors) in terms of its practical impact and risk, as applicable to retailers, in particular. As detailed below, there are some seemingly minor nuances within the Act’s text that, subject to the enforcing agency’s interpretation, may make a major difference with regard to the extent of a cosmetic retailer’s obligations and enforcement risk thereunder.

To read the full article in *Happi Magazine*, [click here](#).